

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is nothing less than partisan propaganda sanctioned by the republican white House to smear the democratic opponent. We expect this in Zimbabwe. The fact that it had become commonplace in the US is a direct reflection on the type of gross negligence on the part of the FCC.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media diversity and media ownership rules, not weaken them--the first signs of a healthy democracy. The present state of the media landscape in America is sabotaging the democracy that is supposed to be a beacon for the world. Sinclair's stunt, which it's getting away with, makes a mockery of it, and the whole world is looking on. Thank you.